

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Accompanying Continuation Application under
37 CFR 1.53(b) :

Prior Application: APPLICANTS: H. INOUE et al
 Serial No. 10/083,360
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Group Art: 3746
For: GAS TURBINE COMBUSTOR AND OPERTING METHOD THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified
application as follows.